

HOUSE No. 1989

By Mr. Puppolo of Springfield, petition of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to accounting methods used by cities and towns for balancing of annual budgets. Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

RESOLVE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO MUNICIPAL FINANCE ACCOUNTABILITY.

1 *Resolved*, A special commission is hereby established to investi-
2 gate and study the manner in which municipalities of the Common-
3 wealth balance their fiscal year budgets, including the accounting
4 methods utilized by said cities and towns. The commission shall be
5 appointed by the governor and shall consist of 10 members as
6 follows:— the house and senate chairmen of the joint committee on
7 municipalities who shall serve as co-chairs of the commission, the
8 house and senate chairmen of the committees on ways and means, or
9 their designees, the speaker of the house of representatives, or his
10 designee, the president of the senate, or his designee, the state
11 auditor, or his designee, the commissioner of the department of rev-
12 enue, or his designee, a representative of the executive office of
13 administration and finance and a representative of the Massachusetts
14 Municipal Association. The commission shall report to the general
15 court the results of its study, together with drafts of legislation nec-
16 essary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same
17 with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before Decem-
18 ber 31, 2007.